

WEEKLY BULLETIN

AUTUMN TERM

Friday 8th September 2017



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Attached: DIARY DATES

SCHOOL LETTERS SENT HOME BY PARENTMAIL /IN BOOKBAGS

Year 6 - English and Maths Groups	All – club timetable and the most of the club letters
Year 6 – Macbeth Workshop	All – Musical instruments
Year 6 – Applying for secondary school	All –Helping hands meeting rearranged
Year 5/6 – Permission to walk home forms - handed out	All – Additional Junior Game Creators club
Year 5 - Swimming	All – Letter from Cass Hounslow re end of Street Dance club

NEXT WEEK

Mon 11 th Sept	Professional Photographer
Tues 12 th Sept	Year 3 Welcome meeting 3.45-4.45pm
Wed 13 th Sept	Year 4 Welcome Meeting & Hooke Court Talk - 3.45-4.45pm Year 6 PTA Calendar photos
Fri 15 th Sept	Year 5 Welcome meeting and Isle of Wight Talk in 5H - 3.45pm – 4.45pm Helping hands meeting 2.30-3.40PM
Mon 18 th Sept	Year 5 Swimming starts for 5M

INDIVIDUAL PUPIL PHOTOGRAPHS - MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

Bentley Photographic will be coming into school on Monday morning to take individual and sibling photographs of the children. Please ensure your child is **wearing full school uniform** including a red cardigan or jumper. They may bring in a small comb or brush to tidy their hair but please ensure long hair is tied back.

YEAR 3 WELCOME MEETING - TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 3:45pm-4.45pm HALL

We hope all parents / carers are able to come along and meet the year 3 teachers and learn about some of our procedures and teaching and learning methods and find out how you can help your child settle into life at the school. Other key dates for Year 3 - Reading workshop on Thursday 21st September, Meet the Head and Year 3 Tea Party on Friday 22nd September.

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS & WELCOME MEETINGS

- **YEAR 4 IS ON WEDNESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER IN 4C OR 4M**
- **YEAR 5 IS ON FRIDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 3.45PM IN 5H**
- **YEAR 6 IS ON WEDNESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 3.45PM IN 6C**

The meetings present a good opportunity for you to find out about routines and expectations in your new year group and meet the class teacher. You will also have the opportunity to see a presentation of the Residential trips, which includes photographs of last year's trip, and to ask questions about it. **If you are interested in your child going on the relevant trip please just come along. All the dates for all the years can be found on the Diary dates attached.**

HELPING HANDS – FRIDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2.30PM-3.30PM

We encourage parents to support school. We are particularly pleased to welcome parents to our "Helping Hands" scheme. This offers an opportunity for parents to work with the children in class, not their own child's class, such as

reading as well as offering other kinds of practical support. The meeting has been delayed and will now happen on Friday 15th September 2.30-3.30pm.

NEW HOUSE POINT AWARD SYSTEM

We have launched a new house point award system where the children are awarded coloured counters for house points that are collected in the entrance area. Stars are awarded for “star of the week”, being in the “Believe” Book or receiving a head or deputy teacher award and are equivalent to five house points. See our first recipients on twitter <https://twitter.com/wallacefieldsjs> As part of this system each class needs **four clear plastic 2 litre bottles** to make containers. Thank you for the PTA for funding this exciting new change.

PICKING UP CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL

The beginning of term is a good time to clarify our school pick up policy.

- **Children in Year 3 and 4** must be collected directly from the teachers who will allow children to go, once the parent responsible has been seen or made visual contact. Year 5 & 6 children will not be permitted to collect their younger siblings. If your child is going home with a friends’ parents, grandparent, childminder, older sibling then please write a note in your child’s reading record with the date/s when this will occur. Please avoid calling the school office unless it an unavoidable last minute change. If parents are running late or class teachers do not have necessary permissions, then children will be brought to the school office to wait and if necessary call parents.
- **Children in Year 5 and 6** must be collected by their parents at the front or back gate unless we have a signed permission slip to allow them to walk home (or even to walk up the road to a meeting point). Please be clear with your child which gate you are meeting them. Permission slips were handed out by class teachers earlier in the week or pick one up from the school office.

CLUBS

Wallace Fields is very proud of all the extra-curricular clubs that we run at school. We currently offer over 25 different clubs. You should all have received the clubs timetable and club letters for the following clubs: Netball, Cooking, Latin, Craft, Junior Game Creators, Spanish, Chess, Gymnastics, ABC film making, Keynotes Music, Football, Theatre Arts, German and Judo. There are a few clubs which are still being finalised and will send out their information later including: Basketball, Science, Art, Running and Homework. Please check your club letters for sign up details, start date and times. Lunchtime clubs run by a teacher including: Choir, Lego, Library and Eco/Gardening are announced in assembly and children invited to attend – there is no letter sent out to parents. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact the club organisers directly.

NETBALL & FOOTBALL TEAM TRIALS

Mrs Wilson will be organising trials for the Wallace Fields Junior School netball and football teams in a few weeks’ time and we will confirm the dates and times next week.

UNIFORM POLICY

We thought that we should clarify a few points about the uniform policy. It is only compulsory for Year 3 to wear the new uniform and PE kit; for the rest of the school it is optional until September 2018. Please note there is no compulsory coats. Please ensure that long hair is tied back for both boys and girls.

PTA

PTA FIRST MEETING ON THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2:30-3:30PM IN STAFFROOM

Last year the PTA raised £18,300 from events thanks to parent’s incredible support running and attending these events. This money made a huge difference to the school enhancing and enriching the children’s learning experience – it helped buy interactive Mimio boards for every classroom, paid for new dictionaries and thesauruses, treated the children to a Christmas panto and Book Week guest speakers, contributed to the improvement of the eco areas at school and paid

for the new BELIEVE display boards. If you want to be part of our PTA team and help us achieve these fundraising goals please drop me an email at julieking.pt@gmail.com or **pop along to the first meeting on Thursday 21st September 2.30-3.30pm**. It is very much a team effort with small and bigger roles suitable for whatever time you can spare.

YEAR 6 PTA CALENDAR PHOTO SHOOT

For the last few years we have created a calendar which includes fun group photos of Year 6 pupils to raise funds for the PTA and is sold to Year 6 pupils and their families. A Wallace Fields Junior School parent who is also a photographer has kindly agreed to come in to the school next week to take photos for this calendar.